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Response to Amendment

The reply filed on June 19, 2003 is not fully responsive to the prior Office Action because of the following omission(s) or matter(s): Applicant has failed to indicate how new claims 48-55 are patentable over the applied references especially with respect to new method claim 48. See 37 CFR 1.111. Applicant does not point out why these claims are allowable and over the applied references so the record fails to have applicant's comments. See MPEP 714.02.

Since the above-mentioned reply appears to be *bona fide*, applicant is given ONE (1) MONTH or THIRTY (30) DAYS from the mailing date of this notice, whichever is longer, within which to supply the omission or correction in order to avoid abandonment. EXTENSIONS OF THIS TIME PERIOD MAY BE GRANTED UNDER 37 CFR 1.136(a).

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